Statement

Details of Manual Automatic Exchanges State-wise as on 31.3.1986.

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of Manual Exhcanges	No. of Auto-matic Exchan-ges
1	Andhra Pradesh	459	1702
2	Bihar	71	313
3	Gujarat	166	662
4	Jammu & Kashmir	20	70
5	Karnataka	142	1000
6	Kerala	19	574
7	Madhya Pradesh	115	622
8	Maharashtra	248	990
9	North East (Includes All 7 States)	32	268
10	North West (includes Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh)	160	646
11	Orissa	44	262
12	Rajasthan	136	480
13	Tamil Nadu	63	1086
14	Uttar Pradesh	136	792
15	West Bengal	58	390
16	Delhi	..	52
	TOTAL :	1569	9909

Employment in railways on fake certificate

502. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the wards of railway employees entered into employment in Class III & IV grades by producing fake marksheets and certificates of Board of High School and Intermediate during the last 3 years, if so the details thereof;

(b) whether such persons are still working or suspended/removed from employment;

(c) whether some of the cases are pending investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation, S.P.E. Division, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when the cases are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)

to (d) Information in respect of cases which have come to the notice of the Zonal Railways and Production Units relating to the three Calendar years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of tenders by Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad

503. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before accepting the tenders for coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling contract of Allahabad which were opened on 30-10-86, the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer ordered the Senior Divisional Personnel Office to verify genuineness of all tendering Societies;

(b) whether similar procedure was adopted before finalising tenders for Tundla and Kanpur stations for similar nature of work by the same Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Kanpur and Tundla the contract was awarded against tenders to the Railway Shram Avam Nirman Sehkari Samiti Ltd., Tundla. The genuineness of this Society had already been verified prior to giving the same Society a temporary, short-term contract for a period of two months immediately before the regular contract.

(c) does not arise.

Corruption in DRM's Office, Allahabad

504. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of complaints received by Government alleging corrupt practices being indulged in by Officer's working in Enginnering Branch, DRM's office, Allahabad, during the last 3 years;

(b) whether some of the officers had/have acquired assets disproportionate to their known source of income;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct sample survey and organise raids with the assistance of C.B.I. to unearth unaccounted money acquired by engineering officers; and

(d) if not, what other steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate corruption rampant at Allahabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period, 15 cases regarding allegations of corrupt practices were registered by the Vigilance Organisation and the CBI, against 14 officers of the Engineering Department of Allahabad Division. Of these, 7 were closed in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission after investigation, as the allegations remained unsubstantiated. In 5 cases, some of the allegations were substantiated, as a result of which disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against 2 officers and 5 officers have been warned/counselled. The remaining 3 cases are still under investigation.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Ministry of Railways.

(c) No sample surveys are proposed. However, information con-